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"All things come to them that wait, providing they bustle while they wait."—Charles W. Anderson. "Get out of our sunshine."—R. E. Boyd.

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MEETS MAY 4 AT NORFOLK, VA.

General Conference of the A. M. E. Church.

GREAT MEETING ANTICIPATED. LARGE DELEGATION.

THE HISTORIC VIRGINIA CITY PUTTING ON ITS BEST TO ENTERTAIN THE GUESTS—BRIGHT LIGHTS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MAKE UP THE DELEGATIONS—SOME OF THE BEST SCHOLARS IN THE COUNTRY REPRESENTED IN THIS BRANCH OF METHODISM—ELECTION OF BISHOPS AND GENERAL OFFICERS A SPECIAL FEATURE.

On the fourth day of next May there will assemble in the city of Norfolk, Va., a body of men that cannot be excelled in the world in their respective fields of labor. Men who have labored hard and at great sacrifice for the uplift of humanity; men who have made marks in life that would do honor to any potentate or king. The city of Norfolk has never been more highly honored than it will be when it opens its arms and receives these heroes for the spreading of the kingdom of Christ. These churchmen represent that manhood of the Negro race that knows no fear as long as they are convinced that they are in the right. They are always ready to take their stand in the thickest of the fight and sacrifice all for the race.

These ministers and church workers meet for a three weeks' session. During that time they will review the work of the past four years. Some will have glowing reports to make while others will have stories full of sadness, but all will report efforts in the endeavor to better the human family. Every state and territory will be represented, and also the several conferences in Africa, the West Indies and South America. Some sixty odd conferences compose the General Conference with a representation of nearly a thousand delegates. All changes in the law of the church are made by this body, when any are made. The Bishop and General officers are elected, and all business of the church is given a careful scrutiny by this law-making body.

From all reports, there a large number of competent men for most every elective office, and a hot fight is anticipated when the time arrives for election.

It seems to be the general opinion that at least four bishops will be elected. Prominent among the candidates for the high honor is Dr. W. D. Chappelle of this city, who is at the head of the Sunday-school department of his church. Dr. Chappelle stands well among the business men of Nashville. He has been conducting the Church Sunday-school printing plant here for eight years and has made a great record. It is generally conceded that he will be elected on the first ballot.

Quite a large delegation will go from Nashville. Among the number will be the following: Rev. B. G. Gordon, leader of the State delegation; Dr. A. Lewis and wife; Rev. A. L. Pinkston and wife; Mr. D. A. Hart, Manager of The Nashville Globe; Dr. T. W. Haigler, presiding elder of the Nashville District of the Tennessee Annual Conference; Mrs. E. Tyree and Dr. W. D. Chappelle and wife. Bishop Tyree will go direct from Texas, as he will not have time to make the trip to the Lone Star State, which comprises a portion of the Tenth Episcopal District over which he presides, and join Mrs. Tyree and the party leaving this point.

Arrangements are under way to secure a private sleeper or tourist car in order that the delegates can make the long trip comfortably. The most of those who contemplate going are in favor of the tourist car, with kitchen attached. In this way the party will be enabled to have tea and coffee with their lunch.

This session of the General Conference promises to attract widespread attention in many respects. Many



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important things will come up before this body for settlement, and one, that is being as much discussed as any, is the management of the Sunday-school printing department located in this city. This department was organized in 1882 by Dr. C. S. Smith, now Bishop Smith, who was the first Negro in this country to attempt to publish Sunday-school literature. Bishop Smith proved to the other religious denominations among Negroes what it was possible to do. He remained at the head of the department eighteen years, being elected Bishop in 1900. His successor, Dr. W. D. Chappelle, has had charge of the department only eight years, and it looks now as if he will be promoted to the bench of bishops. There seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of electing for his successor a man, first, who is a practical printer and business man; and, second, a man who is not eligible to be elevated to the position of bishop. The best minds are beginning to realize that it is impossible to keep that department up to its present high standing and abreast with the publishing fraternity if the head of the concern is to be changed every eight or twelve years, and that in this age of modern and constantly changing of the mechanism of printing machinery an untrained man can not compete with twentieth century publishers. Mr. D. A. Hart, who is

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EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

SERVICES AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The eighth anniversary of the pastoral service of Rev. W. S. Ellington, A. B., with the First Baptist Church, of Eighth avenue, North, was fittingly observed last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock by an appropriate program arranged for the occasion. The day opened fair and beautiful—an ideal spring morning—which, coupled with the announcement of the special service in honor of the pastor, acted as a compelling incentive to the outpouring of the people. The auditorium was filled with a most intelligent and cultured audience—one that would have honored any occasion and inspired any speaker.

Deacon W. H. Hightower, Master of Ceremonies, in his general remarks, gave a splendid review of the work of the church under the pastorate of Rev. Ellington. He said that as pastor Rev. Ellington has filled his sacred charge with admirable fitness, creditable to himself and beneficial to all. "The church," said Deacon Hightower, "should congratulate itself on having as able a pastor as any church in the country."

Deacon C. B. Lowe, speaking "On Behalf of the Church," said that the pastor had borne himself as a Christian gentleman whom all delighted to honor. He spoke at length upon the

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BIG STICK IS QUIVERING

Discharge of Negro Soldiers Worrying President.

SENATE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING THE AFFAIR.

MAKES FOUR REPORTS—MR. FORAKER, SENATOR FROM OHIO, MASTER OF THE SITUATION—ROOSEVELT'S ALLIES THROWING OUT BAIT TO CATCH NEGRO VOTE FOR TAFT—MAJORITY REPORT MYSTIFYING TO STUDENTS OF CURRENT EVENTS—"PITCHFORK" BEN PLAYS LEADING ROLE—JUSTICE KNOCKING AT THE DOOR OF ADMINISTRATION.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The scenes enacted in the Senate to-day will long be remembered. There is not one of this venerable body but that saw the gravity of the situation, which will ever be green in his memory. That famous Brownsville affair was on, and with it came four reports with the presidential message as the climax. The President was unable to remain in hiding. He was forced out by three great forces. The first being public sentiment, which has been worked up to its highest pitch. This has been keenly felt about the National Capital ever since the affair has been under consideration, and the dullest mind could not fail to comprehend this. The second is that force of the senior Senator from Ohio, Joseph Benson Foraker, the champion of American citizen's rights, and the exponent of fair play. And the third, which is last, but not least, the conscience of the President. It, too, has been at work, but in spite of his dogged tenacity to uphold his actions, his conscience, with the other two great forces, is slowly but surely bringing out what is right and what would be justice—an admission that he is wrong.

The President, in attempting to prevent a unanimous republican action in the Senate, hastens as only Roosevelt can with another heavy message to Congress in an attempt to flank Foraker's movement, trying to pour oil on the troubled waters. His message declares the injustice of the act, but

he clings to the wrong, like Ephraim to his idol.

It was the order of the Senate in having a committee on military affairs to investigate the wholesale discharge without honor of the soldiers, that blocked his game in his order issued December 12, 1906, through the Secretary of War, which was as follows:

"Applications to re-enlist from former members of Companies B, C and D, Twenty-fifth Infantry, who were discharged under the provisions of special order No. 266, War Department, Nov. 9, 1906, must be made in writing and be accompanied by such evidence, also in writing, as the applicant may desire to submit, to show that he was neither implicated in the raid on Brownsville, Tex., on the night of Aug. 13, 1906, nor withheld any evidence that might lead to the discovery of the perpetrators thereof."

The message itself shows that that passage of Scripture, "Pride goeth before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall," is the exact position of Mr. Roosevelt. His pride will not permit him to make an honest confession of his wrong-doings, but his haughtiness is certain to be his downfall. Not only his, but the overthrow of the republican administration is evident unless the Senate reverses his order in the Brownsville affair.

There were four reports from the committee, the majority being signed by Senators Warren, Lodge, Warner, Dupont, Taliaferro, Foster, Overman, Frazier and McCreary. A minority report was signed by Senators Foraker, Scott, Bulkeley and Hemenway. The majority report found as follows:

MAJORITY REPORT.

"That in the opinion of the committee the shooting was done by some of the soldiers belonging to the Twenty-fifth Infantry; that the testimony fails to identify the particular soldier or soldiers who participated in the affray." It is stated that there is considerable contradiction in the testimony, but that taken as a whole and reconciling it wherever possible, it proves the case outlined in the majority decision. The principal minority report was presented by Senator Scott and takes the position that it was impossible to ascertain who did the shooting and makes the recommendation that the negro soldiers be restored. In addition to this minority report, Senators Foraker and Bulkeley joined in a supplemental report which was presented by Senator Foraker.

FORAKER'S STAND.

Senator Foraker's report declared that the testimony of the eye witnesses against the negro soldiers is not reliable, and that no motive for their alleged connection with the affray had been shown. He summed up the testimony taken by the Senate Committee as follows:

"That it wholly fails to identify the particular individual or any of them who participated in the shooting; that it fails to show that any of the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry had entered into any agreement or so-called 'conspiracy of silence,' or that they withheld information pos-

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"FORCE THAT WINS."

FREE LECTURE BY REV. W. S. ELLINGTON.

The Negroes of Nashville are fast learning the value of lectures. This fact is evidenced by the interest manifested. But there are many who do not feel able to pay an admission fee to hear them. Realizing the scarcity of money, the committee having this matter in charge, set about to find a remedy. The object was to arrange the dates and hours so that as little expense as possible might be incurred. Their efforts have been successful, as they were able to secure the St. John A. M. E. Church three Sunday afternoons at an hour when lights would not have to be used and the house would already be warm.

The first of a series of three lectures will be delivered next Sunday evening by Rev. W. S. Ellington, pastor of the First Baptist Church and editorial secretary at the National Baptist Publishing House. Rev. Mr. Ellington will lecture to both men and women, and not to women only, as was stated in the last issue of The Globe.

Special music will be a feature at each lecture. On next Sunday Miss Lavinia McLeone will render a selection. Miss McLeone is an excellent singer and ranks with the best in the city. Her renditions are pleasing and are well executed.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

Of National Baptist Convention Will Be Here.

PLACE FOR NEXT NATIONAL MEETING TO BE SELECTED.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OFFICERS AND SECRETARIES AND CHAIRMEN OF THE SEVEN BOARDS CONSTITUTE THE OFFICIAL BOARD—SEVERAL CITIES BIDDING FOR THE MEETING—NEW ORLEANS SEEMS TO HAVE STRONGEST CLAIM—NASHVILLE RUNNING A CLOSE SECOND—BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE POSITIVELY DECIDES TO EXTEND INVITATION.

The official board, consisting of the officers of the National Baptist Convention, with the secretaries and chairmen of the seven boards in this convention, will meet in Nashville Thursday, March 26, for the purpose of selecting a place for holding the 1908 session of the National Baptist Convention. This information was given out at the Baptist Publishing House, Monday, having been received from President Morris, of Helena, Ark., and Secretary Hudson, of Selma, Ala. This meeting will bring to Nashville a gathering of distinguished officials of a great denomination.

The boards to be represented will be the National Baptist Benefit Association Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Auxiliary Board, Educational Board, B. Y. P. U. Board, Home Mission Board and the Publishing Board. Each of these has a secretary and a president, who are looked upon as members of the official family of Baptists, and who are expected to attend this meeting. Aside from this there will be the presidents and the vice-presidents from each state, the four secretaries, the treasurer and the auditor. If all of them are represented Nashville will have quite a delegation of distinguished divines.

Among the more prominent expected here for this meeting are Rev. E. C. Morris, D. D., Helena, Ark.; Prof. R. B. Hudson, Secretary, Selma, Ala.; Rev. T. O. Fuller, D. D., Assistant Secretary, Memphis, Tenn.; A. J. Stokes, D. D., Treasurer, Montgomery, Ala.; S. W. Bacote, A. B., Statistician, Kansas City, Mo.; Rev. Robert Mitchell, A. M., D. D., Auditor, Bowling Green, Ky.; J. H. A. Cyrus, Assistant Secretary, Roanoke, Va.; Rev. A. A. Cooley, Sec'y National Baptist Benefit Association, Helena, Ark.; Miss N. H. Burroughs, Secretary Woman's Auxiliary, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. T. W. Layton, President Woman's Auxiliary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D., C. H. Parrish, D. D., Secretary and Chairman respectively of the Foreign Mission Board, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. D. S. Klugh, Secretary Educational Board, Princeton, N. J.; Rev. J. P. Robinson, D. D., Chairman Home Mission Board, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. P. J. Bryant, D. D., Chairman of B. Y. P. U. Board, Atlanta, Ga. Those in the city who are entitled to membership will be Dr. E. W. D. Isaac, D. D., of the B. Y. P. U. Board; Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., of the Publishing and Home Mission Boards; Rev. C. H. Clark, D. D., Chairman of the Publishing Board. There is a vice-president for each state in the union represented in the National Convention, but it could not be learned whether these will come or not. Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas and Texas may be represented.

The important question to be decided will interest Nashville no little, as she will be in the race for the 1908 convention. Lexington, Ky., is in the race. Louisville, Ky., Atlanta, Ga., Boston, Mass., and Indianapolis are strong competitors, but New Orleans seems to have a decided advantage.

The National Baptist Union, the official organ of the Baptists of the United States, will contain a resolution sent up by the two executive boards of the two Baptist State Conventions of Louisiana, setting forth their claims to entertain this body. New Orleans proper, through its Ministers' Conference, is expected to fur-